Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of January 9, 2021
(Remote meeting via Zoom video conference)

Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair

Emeritus

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Lori Anne Czepiel Anthony Liberatore

Pam Mahoney Bruce Solomon Sally Sunshine Bill Williams Phil Young

Elected Officials

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, incoming Liaison to WCAC Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, outgoing Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public

Rosemarie Arnold

Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton CAC

Douglas Carey

Mary Luster Carpenter

John Conrad, Engineering consultant

to CPW

Lynn Cronin and Howard Fine

John Cullen

Patricia Currie, say No to KHTO

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Barbara D'Andrea, Treasurer,

Wainscott Sewing Society

Franklin Davidson

Sara Davison, Friends of Georgica

Pond

David Doty, Member, CPF Citizens

Committee, Town of EH Alex Edlich, Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott

Ginny Edwards Hersey Egginton Quincy Egginton Michael Elkins

Jose Gabriel Fernandez

David Fink, WCAC Chair Emeritus

John Finley Abigail Fleming Doreen Fox

Michael Friedman

Alex Gertsen, National Business

Aviation Association

Lance Gotko, Counsel for CPW John Hall, Wainscott United

Michael Hansen, Wainscott United,

Win With Wind Leonard Harlan

Christopher Hayward

Tom Hexner Sam Holland Yves Istel Jillian Kampf Kathleen Kelsh Si Kinsella Marylin Ornati
John Kirrane, Noyac Civic Council Stacey Ruiz
Sam Kramer, WCAC Chair Emeritus, Janet Samuels
Ell Town Planning Pound Weinggett

EH Town Planning Board, Wainscott
United
Carole Slater, WCAC Chair Emeritus

Judith LanierIsabel SternAnna LapinskaEric SteinhauserFrancine LemboJon StonerEsperanza Leon, Town of EHJulie Stoner

Architectural Review Board, Vice Jennifer Tanzmann

Chairperson Amy Turner, WCAC Co-Chair Bud Leventhal Emeritus, Wainscott United Phyllis Leventhal Reine Turner

Joseph Macal Candace Wainwright, Friends of Susan Macy, WCAC Co-chair Emeritus, Georgica Pond Foundation

Honorary WCAC member Dianne Wallace

Jordy Mark, WCAC Chair Emeritus Christopher Walsh, The East Hampton

Paul Munoz, EH Energy Sustainability Star

Committee vice-chair Diana Weir, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Bonnie Myers Mike Wright, Press News Group

Richard Myers, WCAC Chairman

Mike Wright, Press News Group

Mark Zibner

Emeritus, Town of EH ARB Chairman

Emeritus Unknown: Richard Nevins, CPW Volunteer Pled

Doreen Niggles, Wainscott United (712) 899-1120

Tom Ogden

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Carolyn Logan-Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am after circulating by email the names of each participant who had rsvp'd in advance to be on the call.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Logan Gluck asked the Board for approval of the December minutes. WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia so moved, Barry Frankel seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Town Approval of 2021 WCAC Slate

Chair Logan-Gluck thanked the Town Board for it approval of the 2021 slate that the WCAC submitted to the Town Board.

Liaison Report: Councilwoman Sylvia Overby

Next Chair Logan-Gluck welcomed Councilwoman Overby as the new liaison to the WCAC, and thanked Councilman Jeff Bragman for all he did for the community during his tenure as the liaison to the WCAC. Councilwoman Overby was then invited to present her report.

Covid-19 Testing

Councilwoman Overby announced that the Town is opening a testing site at Town Hall that will be open seven days a week from 7am – 9pm. The site will provide drive-through testing, and appointments can be made via the website. The Councilwoman noted that testing also takes place with a doctor's prescription at East Hampton High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 4pm, run by Southampton Hospital. She reported that there had been 900 cases in the Town, with in the last week 26 patients in Southampton Hospital, 6 in the ICU and 11 on ventilators. Additional information is available on the Town's social media sites. East Hampton currently is in Phase I.

January 7 Webinar from League of Conservation Voters

The Councilwoman noted that there had been a webinar on January 7 about the windfarm project, a recording of which is available for viewing.

Community Agreement

Councilwoman Overby reported on an upcoming Town Work Session on January 12 at 11am, during which the Town will be hearing comments from the community. She noted that the draft agreement is available for viewing on the Town's website. This is the final public hearing on the agreement.

Hamlet Study Implementation

Councilwoman Overby reported that the planning department will begin reviewing the Wainscott Hamlet Study on January 19 at an 11am meeting. The meeting will provide viewers with an overview of the plan and the ways to accomplish it.

Open Vistas

Councilwoman Overby expressed her interest that the Town move ahead with open vistas legislation, as well as to look at roads that have become more suburban rather than rural in feel, such as with encroachments and plantings.

Airport and Waterways

Councilman Overby reported that there had been a hearing last week relating to a possible ban on seaplanes in waterways. She noted that input from the WCAC would be appropriate.

WCAC Schedule

Councilman Overby suggested that the WCAC consider a trial period of Monday evening meetings over the next several months and explore additional means of communicating with the community. Discussion ensued among the WCAC board members, including about the longstanding Wainscott community tradition to have these meetings on Saturday mornings on the first weekend of each month, dating back over 39 years. Members of the public also weighed in. Following discussion, the WCAC voted unanimously to retain the tradition of Saturday morning meetings.

There also was discussion about the various ways the WCAC is permitted to, by the Town, and has communicated with the community, which until the recent Zoom meetings (which have used email notices to a large group of Wainscott residents who

have requested such emails by sending an email to the WCAC at allthingswainscott@gmail.com) was limited to the traditional notices posted at the Wainscott post office and on the Town's website. The WCAC board discussed additional communication methods, and Councilman Overby noted that Town residents could sign up for alerts from the Town on the Town website.

Next the WCAC and members of the public raised questions and comments. A lengthy period of questions concerning the South Fork Wind Farm, specifically the eastment and host community agreements (including the status of review and finalizing the draft and various specific terms). Of concern were beach replenishment in the case of erosion at Beach Lane, disturbance of soils possibly contaminated with PFOA and PFOS, fire code waivers and compliance with NY State fire codes, the siting of cable landings in Europe, caps on damages, noise, drilling fluids, the lack of an independent evaluation by engineers hired by the Town, the 30-month envelope for completion of the project and lack of penalties for exceeding the limit, cost of the project relative to other wind farms planned along the northeastern seaboard, and timing of the approval of the draft easement agreement, among other issues. In conclusion, it was decided the WCAC would write a letter to the Town Board reiterating its prior requests to the Town to refrain from signing any easement agreement with the wind farm developer until after the Public Service Commission has made its determination on the Certificate of Need and Environmental Compatibility.

Finally, on the topic of incorporation, Member of the public Alex Edlich noted a petition was submitted by Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott to the Town on December 30 and he outlined the process which is to follow.

WCAC Chair Emeritus D'Andrea made a motion to table the remainder of the agenda until the next meeting in February. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned around 12:00 noon.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2021, 9am, via Zoom video conference.